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17th A.D. UPDATE: BOTH GOP & DEMO SOURCES SAY MACHADO RECALL IS HEADED FOR DEFEAT.

Editor's note: The recall election of Demo Assemblyman Mike Machado of Linden is set for Aug. 22nd. Here is CALPEEK's final, pre-recall analysis...

...As of 8/14/95, there were 42,222 absentee ballots mailed to voters, with 21,258 returned, according to the San Joaquin Co. Registrar's office...

...From the various reports CALPEEK has received, our sources (both GOP and Demo) feel very confident this recall effort will **fail**. Here's why. 1) the Assembly Demos have pumped a large amount of money into this effort to kill the recall --- much more than those who favor the recall; 2) the funding has allowed Machado's campaign team to run an effective *absentee voter program* and a solid *GOTV effort* --- the keys to winning such elections; 3) the GOP Assembly Caucus is **not** actively supporting this recall; 4) Machado is no liberal and has a moderate voting record; and 5) this recall is very different from the Horcher recall and from the outset there just hasn't been much support for it in the 17th A.D., despite the fact that this district has tended to vote Republican at the top of the ticket...

...And at this point, sources say, the recall is beginning to dry up. And even Assemblyman Larry Bowler of Sacto --- who was about the only major recall supporter in the GOP Caucus --- has been very silent as of late. This is not to say there isn't still some support for the recall. There is, but it's just not all that significant. The CA Republican Party(CRP) is still on record in support, as is BoE Member Dean Andal(R-Stockton). Andal, who was the prime mover of the recall, now might find himself in some political hot water...

...Two of the key questions being asked about this recall are: 1) If the recall is defeated, will this help

Machado come 1996? and 2) If the recall is defeated, will this in some way help GOP Assembly Speaker Doris Allen in her effort to beat back a recall in her 67th A.D.? Most CALPEEK sources agree that if Machado defeats the recall, his chances of being reelected in 1996 will *improve dramatically*. GOP Assemblyman Bernie Richter said as much in a July 21st letter to Bowler. As for Allen, sources are *split*. Those who support Allen tend to think the recall aimed at her will *dry up & die* if the Machado recall fails, while those on the other side tend to think the Machado and Allen recalls are as different as night & day. If there should be an upset, and the recall were to win, then Allen would be in big trouble. Stay tuned...

L.A. MAYOR RIORDAN'S 2-YEAR REPORT CARD.

Editor's note: It's a month past the halfway mark in L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan's first term as mayor of the nation's second largest city. How's he doing? Here is a CALPEEK analysis & commentary...

...Although the news media tends to pay too much attention to polls, they do provide a measurement of public attitudes. In the case of Mayor Riordan, a year ago he had very high marks on his job performance: 59% approval rating. In the July 2nd edition, an L.A. Times survey noted that Riordan's approval rating had dipped to 46%. Where are the problem areas???

...The Black community still doesn't trust or like Mayor Riordan --- only 28% said they approved of him, down from 41% a year ago. Riordan's numbers also are down in the Latino community -- from 58% to 42%. Even among Whites, Riordan's ratings have dropped, from a high of 69% a year ago to 54% today. Despite these declining poll numbers, Riordan remains *politically strong* where it counts: in West L.A. and in the San Fernando Valley...

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...The data also points to 2 *troubling issues* for the mayor: crime and the economy. Crime first. It's no secret that Mayor Riordan would dearly love to replace L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams. In fact, ever since the City Council overturned the mayor's decision to uphold the Police Commission's *reprimand* of Williams, morale problems within the L.A.P.D. have deteriorated even more so and many sources point the finger at Williams. Making matters even worse, there's the constant bombardment of the L.A.P.D. at the O.J. Simpson murder trial (the *Fuhrman Tapes* are explosive). And then there's the ongoing and difficult job of recruiting more police officers. The news media accounts of these problems doesn't help Riordan at all...

...As for the economy, L.A. City is certainly in much better shape than L.A. County, but there's still a long way to go before the city is off life support. One of Riordan's major campaign themes was to bring more jobs and economic opportunity to L.A. There's been lots of business news as of late, but it concerns mergers --- and that usually means down-sizing, not more jobs...

...About the same time that the LAT poll was released, Mayor Riordan shook up his city hall staff. William Ouchi resigned (or was pushed out) and his chief rival, Deputy Mayor Michael Keeley, was made chief operating officer. Deputy Mayor Robin Kramer became COS. Keeley is a *numbers cruncher*, while Kramer is politically savvy and is *people/press oriented*. The combo should help Riordan as he prepares for reelection in 1997. The power behind the scenes remains Bill Wardlaw - the *Darth Vader of City Hall*, in the view of some anti-Riordan types...

...FYI: Is there any elected official who might give Riordan a serious challenge in 1997? The answer is *perhaps*. Several sources have suggested State Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Santa Monica) might be positioning himself to challenge Riordan. Hayden would have to move, but the lawmaker was the author of a companion bill to break up the L.A. School District. That plays well in the Valley. And now here's what's interesting. Hayden and Riordan are on opposite sides of the MTA's **Metrorail** project. Hayden sees it as a huge bureaucratic and construction quagmire and wants federal funding cut off. Riordan wants to keep it going. At this point, insiders we talked to don't see Hayden

defeating Riordan, but they do see a potentially close battle, with Riordan coming out of the election alive, but beaten up. Stay tuned...

VALLEY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE'S 1st ANNUAL RECRUITMENT LUNCH FEATURES MAYOR RIORDAN. L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, along with Councilmen Richard Alarcon and Mike Feurer, will address guests attending the 1st annual Recruitment Luncheon for the Valley Leadership Institute, 12 noon, Aug. 24, Texaco Conference Center, Universal City. For info & RSVPs, ☎ (818)888-2228...

GOP CAMPAIGN SCHOOL IN SACTO AUGUST 25-27. The who's who of CA Republican Party campaign management, plus GOP elected officials, will participate in a 3-day campaign school, Aug. 25-27 at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacto. The "school" is sponsored by the Young Republican Federation and CA Indep. Business PAC. For info ☎ 1-800-944-6732...

THE 67th A.D. UPDATE: CRP BOARD OF DIRECTORS BACKS THE RECALL AGAINST GOP SPEAKER ALLEN. Editor's note: The Board of Directors of the Calif. Republican Party (CRP) is now officially in support of the recall drive against GOP Assembly Speaker Doris Allen of Orange Co. Here's our update & analysis...

...By a unanimous vote, the CRP's Board of Directors on Aug. 11th endorsed the recall aimed at removing Allen from her 67th A.D. post. The action wasn't unexpected. And four days later on Aug. 15th, the Executive Cmt. of the L.A. County GOP Central Cmt. passed a resolution giving Allen 30 days to step down from her Speakership post -- or else. The *or else* will be an endorsement of the recall...

...What appears to be happening is that recall organizers are going *one-by-one* to the various county central committees to get support. Orange Co. was the first to back the recall, followed by the CRP County Chairmen's Assn. and now the CRP Board of Directors. FYI: Kern Co.'s GOP Central Cmt. voted the other way and opposes the recall...

...As of 8/14/95, the recall drive had collected 16,035 signatures, of which 13,922 were declared valid by the Orange Co. Registrar. The recall needs to collect about 30,000 signatures to be absolutely sure of qualification.

The big problem up until now has been funding, which is why the CRP's involvement is considered an important development. FYI: sources say Michael Huffington has made it known that his checkbook may soon open up to help the recall...

...**Quote of the Month:** From Recall Watch (the fax memo that's written by the Pro-Doris Allen group) is this gem under the subhead of "Family Feud." According to RW, recall supporters loyal to U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacker and those loyal to Assemblyman Curt Pringle are not getting along. *"In fact, a Recall Watch informant picked up something rather illuminating...at a recent recall gala held at the Pringle operated headquarters. It seems someone of influence was heard saying the Rohrabacker people couldn't recall a thought, let alone an Assemblywoman."* Hummm!! Stay tuned...

CARD CLUB MADNESS: FOUR INLAND EMPIRE CITIES PUT POKER CLUB MEASURES ON BALLOT.

Editor's note: After last week's story about card clubs, we thought we had put this one to bed. But no. We have now discovered 4 additional cities, all in the Inland Empire, who plan Nov. 7th card club elections. Here's our update & analysis...

...With Gov. Pete Wilson signing SB 100 by State Sen. Ken Maddy(R-Fresno), beginning in January of 1996, there will be a 3-year moratorium on card club elections in Calif. And because of this new law, 4 more cities have scheduled card club elections on Nov. 7th --- and more cities could take the jump in the weeks ahead...

...The four cities are: 1) **Palm Springs**, where a group of citizens circulated an initiative; 2) **Coachella** via council action; 3) **Hesperia** via council action; and 4) **Ontario** via council action. Palm Springs and Coachella are in Riverside County, while Hesperia and Ontario are in San Bernardino County...

...The Palm Springs initiative, known as Measure L (the other measures don't have letters or numbers as yet), was put on the ballot via an initiative. One of the initiative supporters is former Palm Springs Police Chief Donald Burnett. There is an opposition group known as R.A.G.E. (probably stands for Residents Against Gaming Expansion), but it's unclear whether they're prepared to pump serious money into the fight. What's

of interest in Palm Springs is a fairly new Indian gaming casino, which features slots, poker, a form of black jack and bingo. It's been open since April and is said to be doing well. It's unclear whether this or other Indian casinos in the area will pump money in against Measure L --- but the odds seem to be 50-50...

...FYI: Votes in the City of Desert Hot Springs approved a card club some years ago, but for some reason the application has been held up in Sacto and the project is on hold. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **The Battle to Replace Brulte** - GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte(Rancho Cucamonga) is supposed to step down on from his leadership post Aug. 18th. By Aug. 21st there may be a replacement. Both Curt Pringle of Garden Grove and Fred Aguiar of Ontario have been rounding up votes for several weeks. There is also a 3rd candidate: Bruce Thompson of Temecula (one of the 7 who refused to vote for the 1995-96 budget because of taxpayer funding for abortions). Who wins? Although a slight majority think Aguiar has the best shot, others say it's a *toss up* between Aguiar and Pringle...

◆ **Garrett's Suicide and CCRI** - The recent suicide of KGO Radio talk show host/Demo activist and fundraiser Duane Garrett of S.F. was *not* good news for backers of the CA Civil Rights Initiative. Our sources say Garrett was *in favor* of CCRI and was getting ready to give them some help...

◆ **Bowler Named to CDP Job** - Kathy Bowler, who has been serving as interim executive director of the Calif. Demo Party, will now do it full time. CDP Chair Bill Press appointed her to the job Aug. 16th...

◆ **Voucher Measure Dead for '96** - The American Education Reform Foundation (backed by billionaire John Walton of San Diego and Bay Area businessman William E. Oberndorf) has decided *not* to go forward with another voucher initiative for 1996. Reason: the AERF did a poll and it showed voters are not in favor of a voucher system for private schools. FYI: there is a group in No. Calif. called Bay C.A.R.E. (Californians

Advocating Reform in Education) that wants to push forward with a voucher initiative, but there's nothing ready just yet for circulation. We'll keep you posted...

◆ **More Trouble for Hoge** - The L.A. Times & Pasadena Star News both report that Assemblyman Bill Hoge(R-Pasadena) failed to report a \$20,000 loan from Wells Fargo to his insurance business. According to the reports, Hoge did not list the loan in his 1992, 1993 or 1994 FPPC statements. Hoge could face a stiff \$2,000 fine per violation by the FPPC...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's IN and who's OUT in U.S. House & Legislative races for '96. As financial reports continue to come in, we'll update you on how much the candidates are raising...

☒ **1st C.D.** - There's a little power-game underway between CA Senate Demo Leader Bill Lockyer and the Demo Congressional Campaign Cmt. (DCCC). Seems that the DCCC has been trying to persuade State Sen. Mike Thompson(D-Santa Rosa) to challenge GOP U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs of Napa. Riggs is supposedly the #2 targeted GOP congressman in the U.S. --- and yet the DCCC is having a tough time finding someone to run against him. Lockyer appears to be winning this power struggle...

☒ **24th A.D.** - Correction: Barbara Perzigian doesn't live in the 24th A.D., so unless she moves, she won't be a Demo candidate here. But still looking over his options is former CTA president Ed Foglia(D), who ran and lost to Jim Cunneen(R-Cupertino) in '94...

☒ **3rd C.D.** - The CA Republican Party(CRP) is targeting Demo U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio of Sacto. This past week the CRP launched a *Kick-out-Vic* campaign, outside Fazio's Woodland office, with CRP chair John Herrington and Sacto Co. GOP Chair Craig Powell unveiling a radio spot paid for by the RNC and the Nat'l Republican Congressional Cmt.(NRCC) attacking Fazio over Medicare. The spot will air on KFBK Radio for 1 week. The ad was produced by Smith & Harroff of Alexandria, VA...

☒ **21st A.D.** - Former Demo Assemblyman Ted Lempert of San Mateo will be running for Byron Sher's seat, now that Sher is *termed out* in '96. Young Ted

is currently on the San Mateo Co. Bd. of Supes. He raised \$52,743 and transferred another \$20,000 from his supes account. His COH was \$79,172. Lempert's main competition will come from Palo Alto Mayor Joe Simitian(D), who raised \$108,937 and had \$106,078 COH. Simitian, 42, has hired Staton, Hughes & Shafer has his consultants. On the GOP side, two candidates have taken out papers: Los Altos Councilman Ted Laliotis and attorney Patrick Shannon, who works for Gov. Wilson as the Bay Area policy director. Shannon has been endorsed for the 21st A.D. by the Lincoln Club of No. Calif...

☒ **25th S.D.** - In what promises to be a real Demo slugfest, incumbent State Sen. Teresa Hughes(D-Inglewood) reports raising \$80,147, with COH of \$78,294. Her major rival for this senate seat, Assemblyman Curtis Tucker(D-Inglewood), raised \$152,200, with COH of \$121,665. Hughes started the fundraising period with just over \$50,000, while Tucker already had \$22,000 on hand --- so it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out who is raising the most...

☒ **29th C.D.** - Paul Stepanek(R), who was crushed by U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman(D-L.A.) in 1994, is at it again. Stepanek, 34, will try once more to unseat Waxman. Stepanek's latest gimmick to get publicity: *a contract with Hollywood* --- a 7-pt. plan including no censorship; and no govt. mandates such as a rating system or "V-chip" technology...

☒ **23rd A.D.** - With veteran Dom Cortese(D-San Jose) *termed out* in '96, the field of Demo candidates trying to replace him is growing. There are already 4 announced candidates and 1 unannounced --- and there is no real frontrunner, although Santa Clara Co. Sup. Mike Honda and Dom's son, David, certainly have an edge in voter name ID. In terms of fundraising, the leader is Dr. Ken Yeager, president of the San Jose/ Evergreen Community College Board. He raised \$50,339 and had \$34,242 COH. Cortese raised just over \$6,000; Honda \$2,900; and Maria Ferrer of the Santa Clara Co. Office of Education, \$3,400. The unannounced candidate is Pete Carrillo - who sources say is getting closer to becoming an official candidate...

☒ **8th A.D.** - Demos have recruited Yolo Co. Sup. Helen Thomson to run for Assemblyman Tom Hannigan's seat...